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SUBJECT: COLLISION WITH SOVIET SUBMARINE

1. WE HAVE INFORMED SOVIET MED FLEET COMMANDER AND
SOVIET EMBASSY HERE OF COLLISION BETWEEN SOVIET ECHO II
CLASS SUBMARINE AND US FRIGATE IN MEDITERRANEAN.
NEITHER VESSEL SUSTAINED SERIOUS DAMAGE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH COMSIXTHFLT
PASSED TO COMMANDER OF SOVIET MED FLEET:

BEGIN TEXT:

HAVE RECEIVED REPORT THAT SOVIET NUCLEAR CRUISE MISSILE
SUBMARINE HAS COLLIDED WITH US NAVY SHIP VOG (FF1047)
AT 281530Z AT 36-02N, 20-36E. VOG REPORTS DAMAGE TO
FORWARD AREA OF SUBMARINE SAIL. AT LAST REPORT, SUBMARINE
WAS ON THE SURFACE. HAVE DIRECTED US FORCES TO REMAIN
CLEAR OF IMMEDIATE AREA. US FORCES STANDING BY TO
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PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGE.

END TEXT

3. SOVIET FLAGSHIP ACKNOWLEDGED MESSAGE WITH THANKS.

4. DEPARTMENT CONVEYED SAME MESSAGE TO SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR TARASENKO AT 2015Z AUGUST 28 WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE RELAYED TO MOSCOW. DEPT OFFICER ADDED THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO US THAT SOVIET SUB HAD SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE, THAT US VESSEL HAD INCURRED SOME DAMAGE AND COULD NOT PROCEED UNDER ITS OWN POWER AND THAT IF SOVIET SUB REQUIRED ANY ASSISTANCE US FORCES IN AREA WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE IT. SOVIET EMBOFF PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS TO MOSCOW.

5. FYI: INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH US VESSELS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOVIET SUB IN THIS AREA FOR SEVERAL DAYS, VOGUE WAS NOT IN CONTACT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE COLLISION. SOVIET PERISCOPE WAS SIGHTED ONE HALF MILE ON VOGUE PORT QUARTER 30 MINUTES BEFORE COLLISION. SOVIET SUB THEN BROACHED ON VOGUE PORT QUARTER, PARALLELED VOGUE AND THEN TURNED INTO HER FROM A RANGE OF ABOUT 65 YARDS. SUB STRUCK VOGUE PORT QUARTER WHILE AWASH, ROLLED ABOUT 45 DEGREES TO PORT, PROCEEDED UNDER VOGUE FROM PORT TO STARBOARD. SUB SURFACED ABOUT 1546, INVESTIGATED TOPSIDE DAMAGE AND SUBMERGED AGAIN AT 1550Z. APPARENTLY IT LATER SURFACED AGAIN. END FYI.

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